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Applicant: Lacra Pavel et al.
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Title: Dynamic Optical Spectra Control Scheme for Optical Amplifier Sites
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A. ____ Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S. patent application publication and U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; (iii) for each cited pending U.S. application, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application which caused it to be listed including the claims directed to that portion; and (iv) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

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3.		S.J.B. Yoo, W. Xin, L.D. Garrett, J.C. Young, G. Ellinas, J.C. Chiao, M. Rauch, J. E. Baran, B. Meagher, H. Leblanc, G.K. Chang, "Observation of Prolonged Power Transients in a Reconfigurable Multiwavelength Network and their Suppression by Gain-Clamping of Optical Amplifiers", IEEE Photonics Technology Letters, Vol. 10, No. 11, November 1998.
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